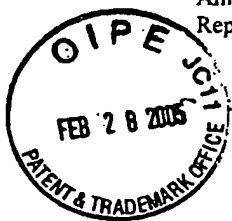


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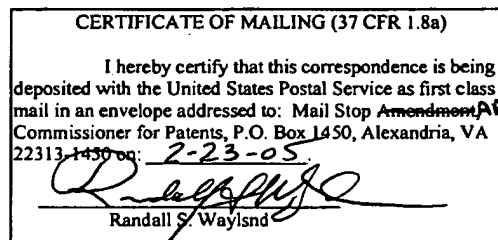


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In response to the Final Office Action of November 23, 2004 please amend the above-identified as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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